

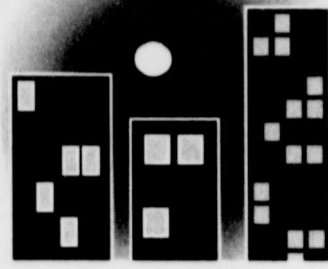
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Texas Tech students returned from Spring Break to find Lubbock's concert hot spot closed. The Depot District is changing its ways.

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Comfort zone

Texas Tech's softball team makes successful changes as it faces Eastern New Mexico today.

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Arena marks change

by Ginger Pope/UD

Texas Tech officials broke ground Wednesday at the site of the new \$47 million United Spirit Arena expected to be in use by 1999.

Tech Chancellor John T. Montford said the arena is a turning point for the university. Montford said he believes the arena will help Tech's academics as well as athletics, adding that the arena's construction could set an example for the construction of academic facilities.

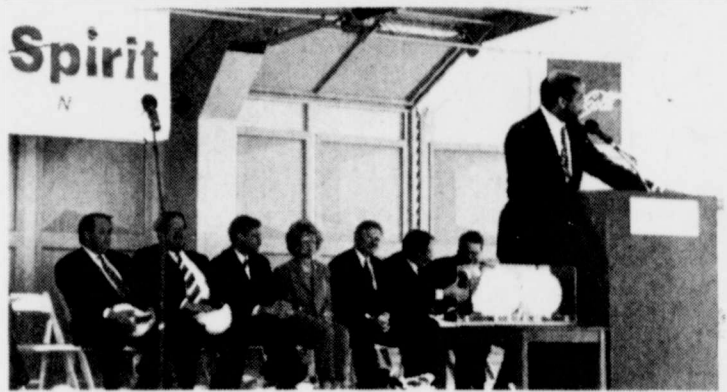
Although Tech's master plan calls for the construction of several buildings — many of them academic — the arena was one of the first to be built because of several events already occurring, such as Tech's entrance into the

Big 12 Conference, Montford said.

Big 12 Commissioner Steve Hatchell said other Big 12 schools have arenas like the one Tech is about to build and said new athletic facilities are an important part of intercollegiate athletics.

"An arena of this type is far more significant than anybody knows," Hatchell said. "It is the start of aggressive planning at Tech."

The arena's groundbreaking comes in the middle of a NCAA investigation of Tech athletics and the men's basketball team's forfeiture earlier this month of 10 Big 12 games, followed by the school's withdrawal from the 1997 NCAA tournament.



Carrie Spinar/UD

All Smiles: Vice chairman of the Texas Tech Board of Regents Bernard Harris thanks everyone who contributed to the new arena.

Hatchell said that although Tech was never really in a bad light because of its problems concerning academic ineligibility of athletes, the new arena will transcend negative attitudes.

"Nobody wants to have these problems, and a brand new building shows a positive step," Hatchell said.

Montford addressed Tech's

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Arena groundbreaking creates mixed feelings

by April Castro/UD

Wednesday's groundbreaking for the United Spirit Arena brought both excitement and frustration for many Texas Tech students.

The groundbreaking signified not only the beginning of construction for the future arena, but also the beginning of what some students believe is a great inconvenience for students who park in commuter lots.

"I think they should have waited until school ended and summer school started (to begin arena construction)," said Karla Dudney, an exercise and sport sciences graduate student from San Antonio. "There are not as many people here then, and it would have eliminated some of the problems."

But Student Association President Geoff

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Carrie Spinar/UD

Break dancing: Raider Red waves to the crowd at the United Spirit Arena groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday.

Relations with China improving

BEIJING (AP) — After two days of intensive talks, Vice President Al Gore said China is promising greater access to its markets and listening with a "more receptive" ear to U.S. complaints about its human rights record.

Gore called Wednesday's meeting with President Jiang Zemin and earlier talks with Premier Li Peng "productive, friendly, searching" and said they elevated U.S.-China relations to a new level of trust.

Gore offered no specifics, however, and America's leaders have heard such promises before. The have often come away convinced they had won Chinese concessions, only to complain later that Beijing was not keeping its end of the deal.

Jiang had this to say of the highest-level U.S. visit to China since the Tiananmen crackdown: "The past few days have been productive."

"Good afternoon," the president said in English as they started their talks with an energetic handshake.

"I think we have done some good work here on behalf of the United States and on behalf of the relationship between the United States and China," Gore said at a news conference.

He was heading Thursday to Xian and Shanghai, then ending a weeklong Asia trip by updating South Korea leaders on his talks with the Chinese.

Gore's upbeat assessment of U.S.-China relations will be put to the test in the coming months. Both the Clinton administration and the many critics of its China policy will look for tangible evidence that China is living up to its promise to become a more reliable partner.

Additionally, allegations that China tried to funnel money illegally into U.S. elections last year threaten to undermine public support for the Clinton administration's overtures.

Gore said he told the Chinese that the allegations alone won't chill recently warming relations. But it "would be serious indeed" if a federal investigation turned up solid proof of the charges, Gore said he told Li.



Wes Underwood/UD

End of his rope: Blair Bird of Post loops his calf in the slack roping competition for the American Business Club Rodeo. The rodeo will begin today at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

INS to clarify immigration law

WASHINGTON (AP) — With key portions of the nation's new immigration law taking effect next week, the Clinton administration sought Wednesday to reduce the confusion that is causing some illegal immigrants to rush into marriage, others to fear mass deportations.

"The law is indeed very complex and does very fundamentally change the manner in which we do business," Immigration and Naturalization Service deputy commissioner Chris Sale told reporters Wednesday.

But, she added: "The law does not change our enforcement priorities."

Those priorities have long been the apprehension and removal of illegal aliens who commit serious crimes in the United States — not the student who overstays a visa or

the farm worker who enters without authorization.

The INS removes annually fewer than 100,000 of the 5 million people living here without authorization.

"We have no intention of having mass sweeps," said INS deputy general counsel Paul Virtue.

That notwithstanding, the anxiety that has swirled in immigrant communities since Congress undertook a rewrite of immigration

policies has hit new levels with the April 1 enactment of key parts of the law and the August and September cutoff of welfare benefits to hundreds of thousands of legal immigrants.

"The law does not mean that immigrants must file for a change in status or get married before April 1," Sale stressed Wednesday.

The law does not change our enforcement priorities.

Chris Sale, INS deputy commissioner

Deputies find at least 39 young men dead in mass suicide

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. (AP) — The bodies of at least 39 young men, lying side by side in matching dark pants and tennis shoes, were found scattered throughout a million-dollar mansion Wednesday in an apparent mass suicide.

The men, all white and between the ages of 18 and 24, were lying prone with their hands at their sides. There were no sign of survivors,

said San Diego County Sheriff's Cmdr. Alan Fulmer.

Two deputies searched the palatial home about 3:15 p.m. after an anonymous caller told them to "check on the welfare of the residents." A deputy entered the home through a side door and quickly saw 10 bodies.

Then, he and another deputy made a cursory search of the mansion, counting 39 bodies clustered

in various rooms, all of all of them lying on their back and "appearing as if they had fallen asleep," Fulmer said.

The two deputies then left, and no one else had reentered the home as of Wednesday night. Authorities were waiting for a search warrant before proceeding further.

Investigators believe it's a mass suicide "due to the number people involved, no signs of struggle, no

signs of trauma," sheriff's Lt. Gerald Lipscomb said.

The cause of death has not been determined, he said. There was a pungent odor, and the two deputies were sent to the hospital for blood tests.

The rented hilltop mansion is owned by a man named Sam Koutchesfahani, who rented the home in October to people from out of state, said Bill Strong, a next-

door neighbor who has seen 5 to 10 people living there recently.

Wednesday, the group had parked four vehicles, including a hotel courtesy van, a Ford Econoline van, another van and a Ryder truck outside the luxurious estate.

Strong, whose home is about 100 feet away, said he never saw children or pets, and never spoke to the tenants.

Tech tornado research teams begin preparations for chases

by April Castro/UD

For many people, tornadoes invoke images of huge twisters, dark skies, fictitious 18-wheelers and cows flying through the air, and Dorothy's journey to the land of Oz. But for some Tech students, tornadoes have a much more meaningful connotation.

Lubbock is situated at the edge of both stretches of Tornado Alley, one reaching eastward toward Arkansas, and the other stretching northward into Kansas.

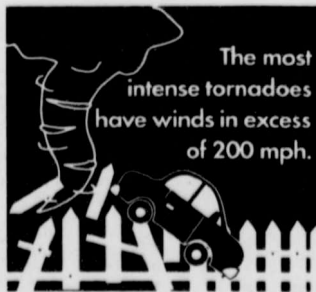
Tornado Alley is the area of the United States in which the majority of tornadoes occur.

As tornado season approaches for this edge

of the Alley, two teams sponsored by Tech's wind engineering department and atmospheric science group are busily preparing for the season.

Institute for Disaster Research

One group, which focuses on disaster research, travels to sites of major storms to assess the damage. The team also travels to hur-



ricane and microburst sites to survey damage. Most recently the group, led by Tech professor James McDonald, traveled to Arkadelphia, Ark., the site of several recent tornadoes.

"We went and looked at the damage and did documentation," McDonald said. "We looked at the different buildings — mobile homes, residences and commercial buildings. It was an intense tornado where 26 people were killed."

McDonald said the mortality rate was relatively high considering the good watch and warning information and technology available.

"Most of them (deaths) were people in

mobile homes that had warning, they just had no place else to go," McDonald said.

The students compiled reports about what can be done to anchor and stabilize the mobile home structures to prevent more deaths in the future.

"Mobile homes are not properly anchored and are more susceptible — we want to minimize the damage," McDonald said. "We prepare a report and put it in an archive and keep photo reports as well."

All the information is available for future reference and research.

The reports compiled by the students also were sent to public officials in Arkansas.

"Hopefully they will enforce more stringent tie-down laws," McDonald said.

The research group from Tech has been active since 1970, when "the big one," hit Lubbock, causing severe damage.

A Tech graduate student traveling to the storm-hit area in Arkansas said the damage and destruction was unbelievable.

"The damage is overwhelming," said Anna Gardner, a graduate architecture student from Dallas.

"You always see the pictures on TV, but when you are standing there in the middle of it all, it is just overwhelming."

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Our Point

Editorial board makes response to jibe

Bashing the media is pretty commonplace these days, but Texas Tech Chancellor John T. Montford took it to new heights at Wednesday's United Spirit Arena groundbreaking.

A day that was slated to be one to celebrate the beginning of Tech's new era in athletics was weakened with Montford's slam against Tech's student newspaper, *The University Daily*.

What professionalism. What leadership. What support of hard working Tech students.

True, *The UD* editorial board did not overwhelmingly support the arena last semester prior to the student referendum vote concerning arena funding. But what Montford, students, administrators and Lubbock residents fail to realize is that *The UD* is not against the arena, but the way it is funded. If students can earmark some of their Student Service Fee money for the arena, why can't they do so for areas of campus that are severely lacking — namely academics?

That was *The UD* editorial board's main argument, and that was pushed aside in favor of Montford's tacky jibe Wednesday.

Perhaps what many people on this campus and in this community fail to realize is that *The UD* is not a public relations tool, but a newspaper like any other. It is *The UD's* job to investigate stories regardless of how they are perceived to inform readers, regardless of who or what those stories may be about. It also is *The UD's* job to provide a forum for student, faculty and staff opinion. *The UD* and other contributors do that daily on this very page.

There is no bad press. There are simply events and opinions on this campus that are perceived by readers as such. *The UD* does not create the news, it simply reports it to readers in the hopes that they want to be informed about every aspect, positive or negative, of events happening on campus.

The UD will not stop reporting stories about administrative salaries, possible improprieties in administrative procedures or problems within the athletic department.

It's *The UD's* job. However, along with those same stories, Tech student journalists are happy to report about students, faculty and staff excelling, achieving and overcoming every day.

The UD editorial board, while disappointed Montford singled out the student newspaper as being the only opposition to the arena (the Tech Student Bar Association also voiced concerns), is steadfast in its desire for informative, unbiased daily coverage. The six editorial board members Montford condemned will continue to believe strongly in and practice what they do best.

An award-winning student newspaper wouldn't do any less.

So, thank you, Chancellor Montford, for proving that *The UD* is important to everyone on this campus, including you. Your friends in room 211 of the journalism building appreciate your readership.

The University Daily editorial board voted 6-0 on this issue.

State View

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Mideastern madness:

Something snapped in the mind of a man filled with hate, and seven little girls died on an island in the Jordan River.

Because the killing of those Israeli junior high school girls and the wounding of six others defies comprehension, the assailant, a Jordanian soldier, is being described as a madman. That is not necessarily the case in a clinical sense. And that makes the tragic incident all the more distressing.

This kind of atrocity has happened too much in the Middle East in recent years for such murderous attacks to continue to be categorized as merely the handiwork of individual lunatics. The grim reality is that a climate exists in the Middle East that makes basically sane people do horrendously insane deeds.

That pervasive atmosphere of hate, fear and fanaticism has driven both Israelis and Arabs to commit random acts of murder and mayhem. Those killings have often dealt serious setbacks to progress on peace negotiations. And unfortunately, that is likely to be the case again.

Already some Israeli officials are blaming King Hussein of Jordan for inciting the slaughter of the innocents because he recently accused Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of increasing the potential for violence with his tough policies toward the Palestinians.

Hussein and others are right about the damage that the Netanyahu government's decision to build more housing in east Jerusalem is doing to the peace process. But the Jordanian soldier's attack on the children will now furnish ammunition of indignation that Netanyahu can use to justify continuing that misguided policy.

The whole peacemaking process could come apart if that happens, and sane Israelis, Palestinians and other Arabs could find themselves caught up again in the madness of war.

El Paso Times on Texans and sports:

Among many Texans, the suggestion that sports are too important in this state borders on outright heresy.

That notion, though, came from no less a figure than the state's lieutenant governor. "I just think that sports has gotten completely out of hand in our state," Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said...in Austin. We agree with Bullock. We also wish him luck if he wants to convert the rest of Texas. He'll need it.

Bullock cited two examples to prove his point, but there are many more. He wonders if mythical Bubba, the quintessential Texan and a fan of King Football, is proud of recent crime-related news and other controversies surrounding the Dallas Cowboys.

Second, Bullock wonders if the Legislature should be considering a plan to allow cities to raise a variety of taxes to help fund sports facilities.

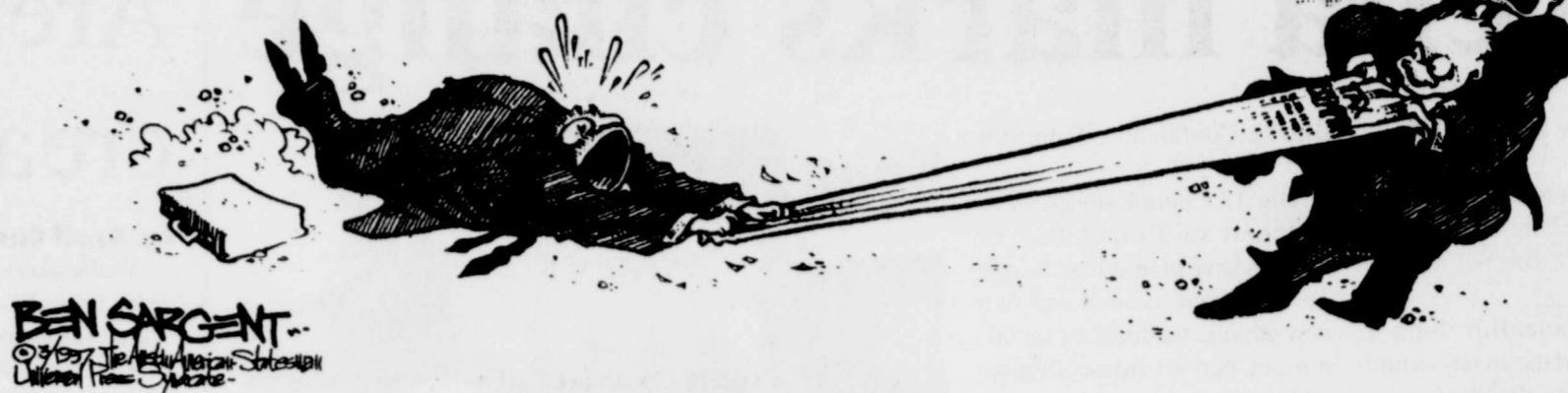
Governments should support quality of life issues. Tax dollars have traditionally gone in many noncrucial directions such as stadiums, libraries and the fine arts. Bullock draws this distinction, though: Pro sports owners are fabulously wealthy. So are pro athletes. So, too, are the fans, judging from the large crowds of people who put forth triple-digit expenditures to take a family to a pro sports game.

Among all that wealth, serious commitment of tax dollars to pro sports stadiums is absurd.



How great is the love
of a man for a maid,
And a child's love we
scarcely need mention,

But they pale when compared
with a lobbyist's love
For his client's sweet
sales-tax exemptions.....



BEN SARGENT
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Their View

UD deserves credit where credit due



Laura Hipp/managing editor

Montford should recognize all hard working Tech students

encing the feeling of belonging to something great, I was singled out and made to feel I wasn't part of this campus.

Chancellor John T. Montford told the crowd that the arena was passed "in spite of opposition from the student newspaper." He then added that our opinion may have helped the student body make its decision. He and the crowd had a hearty laugh while I stood there, stunned. I guess everyone there only supported Tech to a degree.

The fact is, despite popular belief, *The University Daily* is an award-winning publication. Last week we won five national awards at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association conference in New York.

The UD was named second best newspaper overall at last year's Southwestern Journalism Congress. SWJC includes 17 universities from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

There is no doubt that we will receive anything less at next week's dual, annual SWJC and Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention.

Yes, maybe you think *The UD* editorial board has been a little rough with Tech's administration. You may believe that Montford only dished out what he got.

But to lash out at the arena groundbreaking was unnecessary. The event was intended to celebrate all aspects of Tech, not degrade any one part of it.

As for the arena controversy, *The UD* was never in support of abolishing the idea. We like the arena, just not the way it is funded. Since the students finally had the opportunity to choose where their money went, why couldn't we choose academic facilities and programs? These are the things everyone uses everyday.

I'm not being defensive, and I can

take criticism. I face it everyday in every class — even my journalism classes. I'm OK with that. I am confident in the fact that my experience here at *The UD* will guarantee me a job after graduation, unlike others in my major.

The UD alumni, which include three Pulitzer Prize winners, are proud of the newspaper for which they worked while in college.

Actually, it's sort of nice being one of the most hated people on campus. It is amazing how something as small as a newspaper column makes so many people fired up.

But, as everyone begs me and my cohorts to transfer to another university, I take pride in the fact that I am one of the 24 hardest working students at Tech.

Laura Hipp is a sophomore journalism major from Mesquite, and she is proud of everything in *The UD*.

Your View

Montford should start acting like chancellor

To the editor: I attended the United Spirit Arena groundbreaking Tuesday. Everyone was thanking each other for the money and for lining each other's pockets. As I stood through the continuous droning of insincerity and waiting for the barbecue, our infamous chancellor started to speak. It was the usual empty, shallow type of talk politicians like to do. There was no substance, no sincerity — it was just an empty thank you to all the people who lined his pockets and that of Tech's. As he droned on, and I started to drift off to bigger and better places, he caught my attention with one remark. It was a typical, snake-in-the-grass, politician-type remark. It was a remark that is typical of Montford's political and weak mentality, which is why I wasn't surprised he made it. The remark was against the students of Tech and against *The University Daily*. The remark was that *The UD* didn't sup-

port the United Spirit Arena, which is true. But it was how he said it. In a typical political fashion of not being able to say something face-to-face where *The UD* can protect itself, Montford made the remark in front of several hundred people, and then laughed and joked about it.

That is not right, Montford. That is feeble, and exactly what we expect from you. If you have a problem with students and the paper, get out and talk with us. A good leader does not make negative remarks against the people he is supposed to represent. A good leader faces the problems and deals with them. You have not done that. Sure, you have brought money to the athletic department. Great, we can use it in 2000 when our athletic department is no longer possibly suspended. But you also need to deal with the undergraduate students. Do you remember us? Do you even care? It is doubtful after what the spectacle of lack of support I saw today during the groundbreaking.

I used to enjoy coming to Tech and I had a choice when selecting universities. There were several other universities I was accepted to, but I chose Tech. However, with Montford here, I despise this campus, and I despise his politics. Thank God I am graduating this semester. I don't think I can stand the conditional sincerity and support Montford has for this university. It is obvious that the only reason Montford is here is to use Tech as a stepping stone for the governor's seat. He was an unknown outside of this district before he came to Tech. Just another state senator, but, hey, thanks to Tech's generosity, he is known all over Texas. Tech must open its eyes and realize when we are being used for individual personal gain.

Griffin Dillingham, senior psychology major

Student-athletes deserve as much as AD Myers

To the editor: As a former Texas Tech

athlete, I just have one question in regards to Gerald Myers's bonus deal if our athletes maintain 2.0 GPAs.

Where's my bonus for maintaining a 4.0?

I know I got a scholarship to this school in exchange for my volleyball skills; however, no one ever gave me anything more because I actually went to class and got good grades.

I think Myers is going to be a great athletic director, but if he has to be enticed to do a part of his job that should be automatic — then Tech has a bigger problem than we think.

Oh, and I'm still waiting for my bonus — I'm in graduate school now with a 4.0; I'm a former athlete with several awards, no history of jail time or drug abuse; I go to class; and I am a minority. Ironically, I make this school look good.

However, I still have to pay out-of-state tuition (\$3,000 this semester). How's that for gratitude?

Erica Ruegg, Tech graduate student

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Chasers

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Storm Chasers

Another group of students involved with storms is Tech's storm-chasing team, which travels to the severe storms while they are in progress.

"Any time there is severe weather within a reasonable driving distance — four hours in any direction — we deplore ourselves out to the field," said Todd Flanagan, an atmospheric sciences graduate student from Canada. "We have video cameras and other equipment to research the storms."

Flanagan said the team can learn more from being at the actual site than in a classroom.

"We are trying to learn more about storms by watching rather than reading in a textbook," Flanagan said about his work. "It's kind of a natural laboratory."

Big storms are rare for the team, but as the height of tornado season approaches in Tornado Alley, the team is preparing for them.

"The best times are usually late

April through mid-June," he said.

"We haven't seen anything worth mentioning in a while, though."

Right now the team is preparing new students for chases and monitoring weather patterns.

"We show them what to do during a chase day," he said.

"We know where to go and where not to go, and we show them (the new students) what we know — we are basically waiting for something to happen."

Chases are exciting but very different from those depicted in last spring's box office hit "Twister," Flanagan said.

"There were a lot of misleading things (in the movie) — in one day they saw four tornadoes," he said about the movie. "The chances of seeing them aren't always that great, but sometimes we get lucky."

Gardner said the movie also exaggerated what happens during a tornado.

"'Twister' over-dramatized it," Gardener said.

"You don't see cars and vehicles thrown — they are scooted sometimes, but they are not thrown through the sky."

Flanagan said people might become interested in tornadoes as a result of the movie and endanger themselves to get in on the excitement.

"People see the movie and are enthralled, so they go out and don't know what they're doing," he said.

"People can get hurt badly if they go within a mile of a tornado, the path is so unpredictable."

Flanagan said even the experienced and knowledgeable teams do not go within a mile of the tornado to

avoid possible injuries.

"Also, we never core-punch (go right through) unless you don't mind your car getting pounded," Flanagan said about chasing tornadoes.

The dangers involved in a severe weather situation can be lessened or sometimes even prevented.

McDonald suggested the following tips to prevent damage and injury:

- If living in a mobile home, go to a more stable and secure building

- Go to a center room, away from windows, and close the doors

- If living in a second story apartment, "get to know your downstairs neighbors" — it is safer on the first floor

- Make sure all windows and doors are closed

- If outside, do not remain in a vehicle, and look for cover in a ditch or low-lying area

"Tomorrow (today) might be a chase day," Flanagan said.

"It looks like something is going to come up east of here."

“Tomorrow (today) might be a chase day. It looks like something is going to come up east of here.”

Todd Flanagan, atmospheric sciences graduate student from Canada

Feelings

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Wayne tried to calm students' parking fears during Wednesday's groundbreaking.

"Through the process, we realize there will be many challenges, but we are facing the challenges," said Wayne, a senior finance and accounting major from Lubbock. "There will be a few inconveniences, but we know it will be

well worth it in the future. Some of the benefits to students are great seating, concerts and lectures that we can't draw in right now."

The arena will be constructed on what was formerly the C-4 parking lot next to the Student Recreation Center, eliminating more than 1,000 parking spaces for students living off campus.

The area currently is fenced off to block all traffic and parking.

To accommodate for parking

spaces lost to the arena's construction, a temporary commuter lot was built west of the C-9 commuter lot on the north side of 19th Street near the KTXT radio and television station transmitter building.

"Putting the lots way out there was just not a good choice," said Jason Taylor, a sophomore mechanical technology major from San Antonio.

Abi Quarles, a junior environmental conservation of natural resources major from Amarillo, said parking

woes are exaggerated.

"I think it's ridiculous the way people are up in arms about it," Quarles said. "The buses are so efficient — they just zip you right over to the BA."

Quarles said she supports the arena's construction.

"I think it's a good thing," Quarles said. "They could have gone about it a little better, but I think the benefits will far outweigh the problems."

Lawyers use Liggett admission in fight against tobacco industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jean Connor smoked R.J. Reynolds cigarettes from age 15 to her death from

cancer at 49. Fellow Floridian James Clark smoked Liggett cigarettes for 24 years, dying at 51.

In two weeks, Connor's family will ask a Florida court to make RJR pay for her death, the first trial in

which Liggett's dramatic confession of a cigarette conspiracy will be used against its larger, richer rivals.

State briefly

Border cocaine bust nets 234 pounds

LAREDO (AP) — U.S. Customs agents have seized 234 pounds of cocaine after a 10-hour surveillance on a suspicious flat-bed truck that entered the country from Mexico.

Two men were detained in connection with the smuggling attempt, but were later released, Customs agent Tom Parker said Wednesday. The men were not charged.

The truck entered the country from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, Monday morning.

Customs inspectors became suspicious after noticing a discrepancy in the vehicle's weight, but instead of stopping the truck, they followed it, Parker said.

"We assigned mobile agents to follow it so we can have an idea who the shipment was going to," he said.

The truck was driven to a downtown residential area and abandoned for several hours. Using drug-sniffing dogs, the agents discovered the cocaine load hidden inside.

Agents monitored the truck until another driver boarded and attempted to return the vehicle to Mexico. The truck was stopped and seized for inspection.

After searching the vehicle, inspectors found 100 bundles of cocaine in a metal box stashed in a hidden compartment under the flat bed. Parker said the drugs had a street value of about \$10 million.

The case remains under investigation.

State trooper dies in vehicle accident

ENCINO (AP) — A Department of Public Safety corporal was killed early Wednesday when his patrol car hit a truck on a South Texas highway.

Corp. Roel Garcia, 37, of Falfurrias was driving southbound on U.S. 281 at about 6 a.m. when an oilfield service truck pulled onto the highway. The left side of Garcia's patrol car struck the right rear of the truck.

Garcia, who was on his way to Raymondville to participate in a drug task force, died at the scene.

Four people in the truck were taken to area hospitals and later released.

They were identified as driver Augustine Estrada of Alice, Trinidad Josso of Alice, Ruben Garcia of Kingsville and Martin Martinez, whose hometown was not available.

The DPS is investigating the accident.

Garcia, who is survived by two children, joined the DPS in 1981. He was stationed in El Campo before being transferred to Falfurrias, where he was promoted to corporal in January 1996.

He is the 73rd DPS officer to die in the line of duty since 1932.

Funeral services are pending.

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Number of children in poverty disheartening, many say

Tech students, professors, local experts discussed child welfare, health concerns during Wednesday forum

by Holly Hodges/UD

More than 30 percent of Texas children under age 12 did not have enough food to eat in 1993, and experts say the situation is worsening.

In an effort to increase awareness of the welfare of needy Texas children, the Lubbock chapter of the League of Women Voters sponsored speakers from various child protection organizations in Lubbock Wednesday to address the "Plight of Needy Kids."

Tech's Child Development Research Center professors agree the general welfare standards for child care must be kept high to combat the high numbers of children living in poverty.

"This is a modern problem," said Catherine Nathan, director of Tech's Child Development Research Center. "When we take welfare away from women and tell them to go to work, the children of these women will end up in day care."

Nathan said this creates a new problem.

"The cost of providing services (to

families with working mothers) may exceed the original welfare payment that families were getting (when the mother does not work)," she said.

Nathan said anything that supports high quality child welfare and development is important.

"In child welfare, we must emphasize high quality health care, a low student/teacher ratio (and) a better self esteem," Nathan said.

"In reforming welfare, we can't risk children's health."

Through June 1996, about 300 Texas children were diagnosed with AIDS — an increase of 260 percent from 1990.

"Many of the child welfare cases

that I receive are tear jerkers," said Betty Anderson, West Texas liaison with Texans Care for Children, a child welfare organization.

"I don't read them before I go to bed."

Statewide child welfare reform tactics include expanding access to affordable health importance for uninsured children and increasing inspections of family day homes.

Reformists also want to strengthen local input in welfare decisions to allow local expertise a key role in setting community priorities.

"People need to talk to their local officials about child care," said Holly

Betenbough, president of the South Plains Child Care Management System.

"This is a big responsibility for local agencies to take on, but it is worth it because it makes child care administration more local."

Some students questioned whether the reform tactics can achieve the desired results.

"I don't know if there is a way to provide high quality day care for low income families," said Carrie Hodnett, a senior human development major from Carlsbad, N.M.

"States need to ensure that day cares meet or exceed required standards."

Hodnett, who plans to enter the child care field after graduation, said she wants to help improve present norms maintained for the state's day cares.

"I want to do all I can to implement what I have learned," Hodnett said.

"I think it is my responsibility to fight to raise standards and care for kids the best that I can."



Helping Hand: Holly Betenbough, President of the South Plains Child Care Management System, listens to a woman from the League of Women Voters during a forum Wednesday to discuss helping children in poverty.

Palestinians angry about peace mission from U.S.

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinians threw stones and burned American flags in the streets of the West Bank Wednesday, rejecting a new U.S. attempt to salvage the disintegrating Mideast peace process.

President Clinton sent envoy Dennis Ross to try to stop the rioting that started after Israel broke ground for construction of a Jewish neighborhood in disputed east Jerusalem.

Palestinians are suspicious of America's peacemaking motives because it blocked U.N. Security Council censure of the housing project.

Supporters of Yasser Arafat led

protests in the West Bank city of Bethlehem, hurling stones and bottles at Israeli soldiers. Soldiers responded with tear gas and rubber bullets, injuring 20 Palestinians.

Israel demanded Ross tell Arafat to rein in the violence — both the daily rioting in the West Bank and terror attacks, such as a suicide bombing that killed three Israeli women at a Tel Aviv cafe on Friday.

"Terrorists will always have a grievance, (but) terrorism cannot exist in a vacuum, it needs a sponsoring government," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said at a conference on terrorism. "They've chosen to use terrorism as a political weapon."

Arena

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recent athletic problems by pledging that Tech will be "squeaky clean" in athletic competition and will be a world-class university as Tech moves into the 21st century.

Lady Raiders coach Marsha Sharp said a lot of benefits for Tech will come out of the new arena, but it is hard to measure what they are right now.

"It's something we've needed for a long time," Sharp said. "The arena will impact recruiting — we're already seeing players interested in the arena and coming to Tech."

Tech Regent James Sowell said the main reason he is such a strong supporter of the arena is because Tech is the only university in the Big 12 without an arena of this type.

"As we've entered the Big 12, we want to make sure our facilities are up to standards," Sowell said.

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas, said the arena raises Tech to a level high within the Big 12 Conference and will bring a lot of attention to Tech from future college students.

"There are so many unknown measures of the arena, and I'm sure others (colleges) are rushing to catch up," Combest said.

The United Spirit Arena was approved by the Texas Board of Higher Education Oct. 18. The arena will serve as a playing and practicing facility for Tech's volleyball and men's and women's basketball teams.

It also will house meeting rooms and will be used for commencements, concerts, summer athletic camps and other events.

During the fall 1996 semester, Tech students voted to pay \$3 per credit hour of their Student Services Fee to fund the arena.

Additional money was raised through donations.

Gay West Point grad fighting military for tuition expenses

DALLAS (AP) — A West Point graduate who was forced out of the military for saying he is gay may have finally won a 6 1/2-year fight with the Army, which has been trying to collect \$76,000 in tuition.

A spokesman confirmed Wednesday the Army has recommended that the Defense Department stop collection efforts against Clayce Rodamer. Lt. Col. William Harkey said he expects a decision "fairly soon."

Rodamer, 32, said he was stationed at Fort Bliss, near El Paso, when he acknowledged his homosexuality in 1988. Superiors told him he could either resign or face a court-martial and possible dishonorable discharge.

Two years after he resigned, Rodamer says he received a form letter asking him to repay the government \$76,000 for his West Point tuition because he hadn't completed the requisite five years of military service.

With penalties and interest, that bill now is nearly \$175,000, Rodamer said, adding he has "guarded optimism" about a potential resolution in his case but realizes that others in the military might face the same problem.

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Warehouse closes, music may relocate

by Sebastian Klitchon/UD

The Depot District, one of Lubbock's premier spots for Texas Tech students and other Lubbock residents to find entertainment, is undergoing several changes.

The 19th Street Warehouse, 19th Street and Avenue G, closed after its last concert during Spring Break. Fans were treated to a free concert, courtesy of the Depot District. Black Obsidian, Spilling Poetry and new Interscope Records sensation Soak took the stage.

"It's a classic example of how Lubbock can't hold on to a music or arts scene," said Jessica Swindell, a freshman mass communications major from Lubbock. "Believe it or not, some of the best bands to come through here love playing small clubs. Not everyone is going to play the arena. Besides, Tech kids couldn't afford the arena shows."

The Warehouse, which was a frequent place for local, regional and national entertainment acts, will be leased, probably to a billiards company, said Lane Arnold, concert promoter for the Depot District. The city also may be a potential buyer of the business, because of location and history, he said.

"If we could only express all of the memories we have of this place," said Kidd Manning, a DJ at KFMX-94.5FM, a radio station in Lubbock that frequently sponsored events at the Warehouse.

The concerts will be moved next door to the Warehouse into the Palladian, 1812 Ave. G. The Palladian will undergo several changes to be better suited for live music. The dance floor

will be taken out, Arnold said.

"The Palladian has the ability to hold more people than the Warehouse," Arnold said.

The Warehouse had room for about 900 people, and the Palladian will have room for about 1,200, he said.

Several acts have performed at the Palladian, including Tesla and Iron Maiden, Arnold said.

Employees of the Depot District currently are moving sound and light equipment from the Warehouse to the Palladian, he said. Arnold already has booked several acts for the transformed club.

“It's a classic example of how Lubbock can't hold on to a music or arts scene.”

Jessica Swindell, a freshman mass communications major from Lubbock

•Junior Brown will play April 10.

•Jack Ingram will play April 17

•Pat Green will have a CD release party April 18

•Vanilla Ice is tentatively for April 25

“There will still be music in the Depot District,” Arnold said.

Arnold has been responsible for setting up

concerts at the Warehouse, the Palladian, Stubb's Barbecue and the Depot's Beer Garden.

“This place has a lot of history,” said Mike Driver, another DJ at KFMX-94.5FM. “This is the end of an era here in Lubbock.”

Entertainment still will be around, but some students are skeptical about what shutting down the Warehouse will do for entertainment in Lubbock.

“I think it is bogus they are shutting it down,” said Rick Lange, a freshman pre-law business major from Lubbock. “We have such trouble getting good music here anyway, by closing it we are just hurting that.”

Skate show

Inline skating becomes growing trend at Tech, students form competitive club

by Sebastian Klitchon/UD

Inline skating has become a popular trend among Texas Tech students — young and old. The trend did not stop on campus sidewalks, but has found its place alongside other Tech sports with the creation of an inline skating club.

“It is a faster game than ice hockey,” said Jeff Crawford, a senior business finance major from Allen. “It gets fans more into it — the scoring is at a lot faster rate.”

Crawford is one of the goalies for Tech's club, and his team members agree about the growing popularity of the sport.

“Anybody can play inline hockey,” said Curt Barnett, president of the club and a senior general business major from El Paso. “It is easier than ice hockey.”

Inline hockey can be played anywhere from a parking lot to indoors to a tennis court, Barnett said.

“It is a game of balance,” said Chris Webb, a junior pre-medical major from Lamesa. “Unless you can skate, you really can't play the game.”

The club was formed in fall 1992 and now has 35 members, a jump from eight members three se-

esters ago.

The club has since started to compete against teams from other Texas universities and has three teams competing in the city league. They have a team at each level of competition — beginner, intermediate and advanced.

“The big thing about our club is everybody plays,” Barnett said. “Anybody who joins the club gets to play.”

Barnett said he had not played inline hockey until he took an inline skating class for his physical education credit and learned about the club.

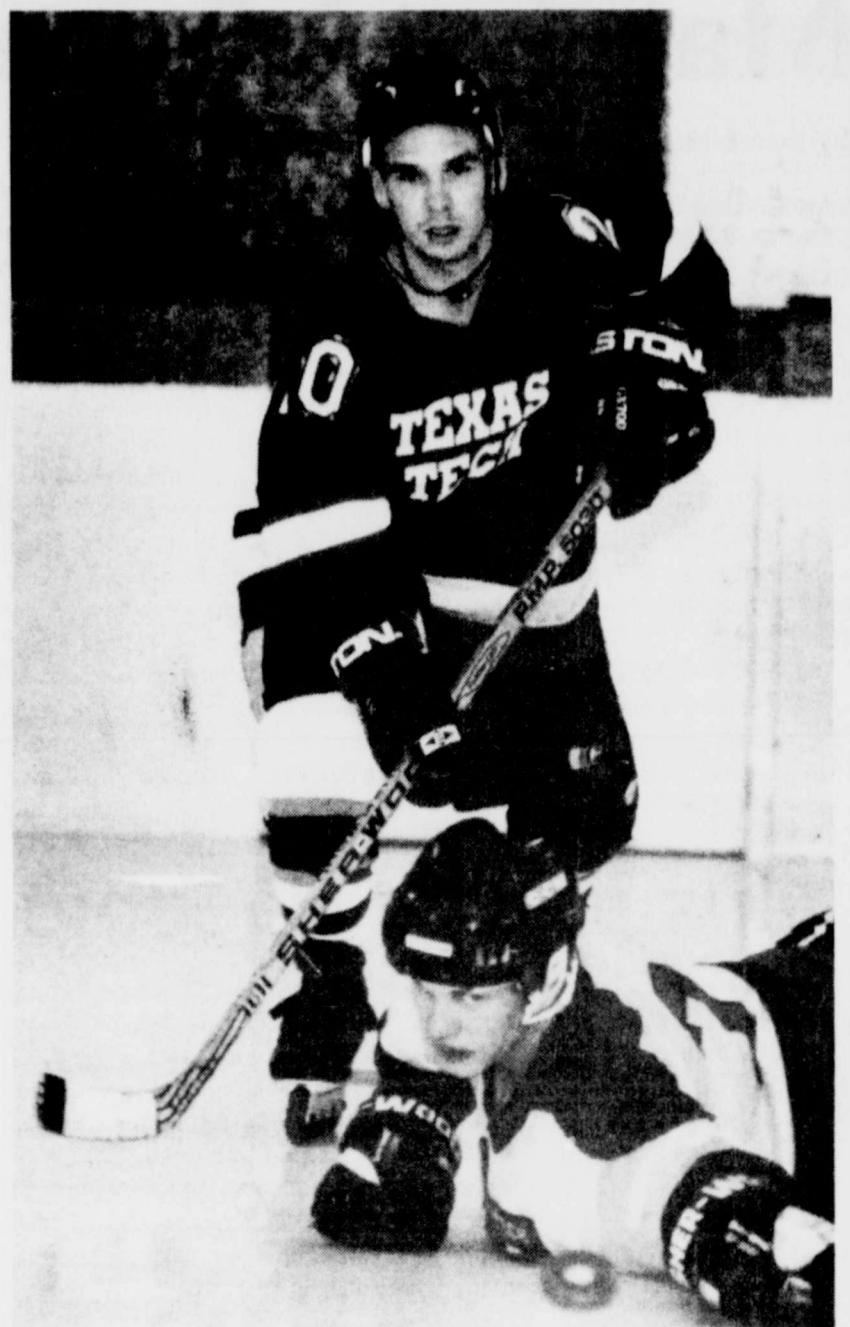
The team practices and competes at The Rink at 82nd Street and Oakridge Avenue.

Inline rinks are smaller than ice hockey rinks and teams play with four players instead of five. The roller hockey teams play with four players on the floor and a goalie.

Last weekend, the club competed and won a tournament at the Collegiate Inline Hockey Challenge in Dallas.

“Texas A&M has been considered the best collegiate hockey team in Texas and was ranked 7th in the nation after attending the collegiate championship,” Barnett said.

The tournament team consists of 12 people and will compete in the Southwest Collegiate Inline Hockey Championships in late April.



Student Publications

Speedracer: Texas Tech student Darcy Rosie, a senior public relations major from Alberta, Canada, watches his shot slide past a teammate during practice for Tech's inline skating club.

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ACROSS
 1 Hefty swallows
 6 Bring down
 10 US president
 14 "... of many colors"
 15 QED word
 16 Ship —!
 17 Incline
 18 Certain book
 20 Grocery container
 22 "— Vennar" (Holmes novel)
 23 Depend
 24 Join
 26 Shocked
 29 Archibald of basketball
 30 Social gathering
 33 Sci-fi movie
 34 Helped
 35 "Norma —"
 36 "... is what I —" (Rogers)
 40 Always, poetically
 41 Compact
 42 Against
 43 Finale
 44 Unwritten
 45 Kidnapper
 47 Desert garments
 48 Kind of chest
 49 Z's kin
 52 Carton, perhaps
 56 "It's only a —"
 59 Have — to pick
 60 Moran or Gray
 61 Sound from the sky
 62 Punctuation mark
 63 Furnace pipe
 64 Pub drinks
 65 Electric starter

DOWN
 1 Surprised inhalation
 2 Western school letters
 3 Chicago feature
 4 — pencil (note needs)
 5 Cubic meters
 6 Compensate

7 "... and a bone"
 8 Kill
 9 Summer: Fr.
 10 Put aside
 11 Exclamations
 12 Centers of interest
 13 Child
 19 Yellowish green letters
 21 Sandwich
 24 Lost color
 25 Texas col. acronym
 26 "... lovely as —"
 27 Inexperienced
 28 Accumulate
 29 Nothing
 30 River in Canada
 31 Have an — the ground
 32 The Norse gods
 34 Book of maps
 37 Weather line
 38 Asta's mistress
 39 Kid on a bike?
 45 Officer

46 "... dare to eat —?" (Elliot)
 47 Representative
 48 Actor Tom
 49 Newspaper feature, briefly
 50 Word on a ship

51 Literary work
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 Advanced registration for summer and fall 1997 semesters is about to begin. Students who are currently enrolled at Tech may register for their summer and fall classes during April 1-15th. All students should contact their advisor immediately to find out how their department handles advising and the signing of registration cards.

March celebrates women's lives

by Laura Hensley/UD

The male students of Texas Tech's Sneed/Bledsoe Residence Halls spent March in the company of history's greatest women.

Sneed/Bledsoe Residence Hall complex director Kyle Robin decided an all male residence hall would be the perfect place to celebrate Women's History Month. The complex displayed about 80 fliers with different information and pictures about women in history. Also, the complex hosted a Jeopardy-style game concerning women's history Tuesday night.

"This is a way to encourage residents to respect women as contributors to history," Robin said. "I thought it was a perfect place for it. I wanted to make sure we did something."



Robin said he had not heard anything negative about the fliers from residents, but, because of the rain, many of the fliers have withered and fallen down.

Chuck Carter, a junior exercise and sport science major from Houston and third floor resident at Sneed Residence Hall, said Women's History Month is a good idea, but he believes it was an unfair representation and should be appreciated year-round.

"It's an excellent idea to celebrate because women have made pretty huge strides throughout time," Carter said. "But we shouldn't separate it and

make it a one month deal.

"How many people actually know it is Women's History Month. I wouldn't have known it was Women's History Month if they hadn't have hung up a sign in my dorm."

During the late 1960s and early 1970s, the women's movement emerged, and the recognition of women and their accomplishments began to become important.

"Women's History Month is designed to draw attention to how women have played various roles in history," said Gwen Sorell, professor and coordinator of women's studies at Tech. "Because women constitute 52 percent of the population, absolutely anything that excludes such a large percentage is not a balanced and thorough study of history."

Rachel Baier, project leader of women's issues at Tech's University Center Programs, believes Women's History Month is an important tool to help educate children about the special qualities of women in history.

"It is up to grown adult women to educate girls so they can grow up and be strong," Baier said. "We can sort of pass it down. Boys can also grow up and not have a bad view of women."

UC Programs did not have time to organize a large program honoring the month but did have a showing of "The Color Purple."

"Hopefully next year we can do it more justice," Baier said. "We wanted to do a little something instead of nothing at all. If we'd had more time, we would have done more."

'Unsinkable' Debbie Reynolds in spotlight

(AP) — Many were surprised when Debbie Reynolds didn't get an Oscar nod for her return to the screen after a 25-year absence as the star in the Albert Brooks comedy, "Mother."

Yet Reynolds had her moment in the spotlight on Oscar night as a presenter. "I'm not going to lie to you, I was a little disappointed not being nominated myself," she said, adding

that she had joined a support group called Non-Nominees Anonymous, whose members included Courtney Love, Madonna and Barbra Streisand.

Earlier in the day, CBS anchorman Dan Rather had complained of Reynolds' lack of an Oscar nomination on an opinion page in the Los Angeles Times, conferring on her the first "Danny Award."

"She played it sassy and sexy and smart," he said, referring to her performance opposite Brooks. "Reynolds has given us a glimpse of the possibilities that are in acting, in movie-making, in life — for anybody who takes a chance, no matter what her or his age."

In "Mother," Reynolds displayed none of the perky mannerisms that made her so endearing in the 1950s films, "Singin' in the Rain" and

"Tammy and the Bachelor."

She played the modern mother, content with her solo life after spending a better part of it raising two sons.

Born Mary Frances Reynolds in El Paso, Texas, on April 1, 1932, she was given the name Debbie while under contract to Warner Bros. in the late 1940s. She caught the studio's attention when she won the "Miss Burbank" contest in 1948.

J&B Coffee Co. . . 8 p.m. Friday, Kathy Chamberlain, No Cover
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Oscar '97 highlights include dances, surprises, goofiness

(AP) — Ah, the Oscars: the pagentry, the pomp, the goofy over-the-topness of it all. This year's 69th Academy Awards didn't disappoint — though some carp that the 3 1/2-hour show didn't have as many of the show-stopping, deliciously embarrassing moments of years past.

Still, here are a few of the more piquant moments:

Most Authentic Surprise: Lauren Bacall, the heavy favorite for best supporting actress, who didn't win it, and Juliette Binoche, who did. (Tip for those who taped the show: Catch the moment when the Binoche's name is announced and watch the faces of Bacall and Binoche.)

Worst Dance Production: Just what did Michael Flatley and the Irish step dancers in "Lord of the Dance" have to do with the Oscars, anyway?

Best Dance Production: Cuba Gooding Jr., who did a really snappy midair kick and a few high steps across the stage after winning best supporting actor.

Most Exuberant Moment: Gooding — hands down. He exclaimed "I love you!" 14 times during his acceptance speech, which was interrupted by the orchestra. Gooding kept going. He started with his wife, moved on to God, next singled out costar Tom Cruise and finished with, "Everybody who was involved in this. I love you! I love you! I love you!"

Best Acceptance Quip: Andrew Lloyd Webber, accepting the Oscar for best original song for "Evita."

"Well, just thank heavens there wasn't a song in 'The English Patient,' is all I can say."

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Dead aim: Tech's Stephanie Walls throws a runner out at first base at a Red Raider practice. Tech plays host to Eastern New Mexico at 2 p.m. today.

Revamped infield boosts Tech softball

by Christy Apple/UD

With the Texas Tech softball team's recent overhaul of its infield, the Red Raiders are reaping the benefits of a newfound excitement about their team. Since making the changes, Tech has posted an 11-1 record.

The Red Raiders will try to keep their winning ways alive when they play Eastern New Mexico in a double-header starting at 2 p.m. today at the Berl Huffman Complex.

With the Red Raiders' recent success on the field, the players at new positions have found a comfort zone, said freshman left fielder Stephanie McCoy.

"It is working real well for us," McCoy said. "It was a positive change for us."

"It has helped us to win all of our games and play in a positive way and get ready for the Big 12."

Tech's junior shortstop Kim Martinez has stepped up at the plate and taken control of Tech's offensive machine. She is currently hitting above .500 for the season and averages a home run per game.

"She is definitely a team leader," McCoy said about teammate. "She is one of the key roles for us."

The Red Raiders in the past have had to depend on their pitchers to get people out, but with the strengthened infield, the stress has been relieved

slightly from the hurlers.

"Our pitching has been great," McCoy said. "But it is also great to have a solid defense to back them up."

Junior Jenny Cannon pitched a no-hitter in Tuesday's game after closing out the first game of the double-header against Abilene Christian. Tech assistant coach Bobby Reeves said Cannon has been a constant in the Red Raiders' rotation.

"She has been a big part of all of our games all year long," Reeves said. "She threw a heck of a game against Abilene Christian. She did what she needed to do."

Reeves said the pitching staff is throwing consistently in all the games and is confident they will continue this trend throughout the remainder of the season.

Tech is going to use the Eastern New Mexico game to prepare the Red Raiders for the home opener of their Big 12 Conference schedule, which will be this weekend against Kansas and Missouri.

With Tech's recent success, Reeves said the team's confidence level is high and hopes it will carry over into this weekend.

"We should be all right if we come into it with the right frame of mind," Reeves said. "Anytime you can go into a game with our level of confidence, you should do a great job."

Penders staying at UT despite intriguing deal

AUSTIN (AP) — Rutgers offered big bucks and a long-term contract, but Tom Penders said Wednesday that he will remain the head basketball coach at Texas.

Penders toured the Rutgers campus Tuesday with school President Francis Lawrence and athletic director Fred Gruninger, a close personal friend of Penders for more than 20 years.

The financial package presented by Rutgers would have paid Penders \$700,000 annually over at least seven years. But Penders said his decision didn't boil down to money.

"I was offered the Rutgers job," Penders said.

"It was an offer that I wouldn't have had to work another day in my life if I had taken it. But I love the University of Texas and I'm staying."

Coach Bob Wenzel was fired almost three weeks ago after Rutgers finished its fifth straight losing season.

Penders was offered the job after Eddie Fogler rejected an offer from the New Jersey school and decided to stay at South Carolina after getting a raise.

Penders, who currently makes more than \$400,000 a year, is expected to get a raise that would pay

him roughly \$550,000 per year, according to Texas Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds.

The raise would make Penders one of the top paid coaches in the Big 12 Conference.

"DeLoss has said he wants to get me on the same level with the other Big 12 coaches," Penders said.

"No new contract has been written, but DeLoss has always been fair and his word is golden with me."

Penders said he didn't use the Rutgers job as leverage for a pay raise.

"My agent asked me if I wanted him to go to DeLoss and talk money, and I said no," Penders said, adding that Dodds had voluntarily promised him a raise well before Rutgers expressed an interest in his talents.

Penders has five years remaining on his current seven-year deal at Texas.

Dodds said he was relieved by Penders' decision.

"I'm happy that he's staying," Dodds said of Penders' decision.

"I felt from the beginning that he would stay, but you're never certain until it's over. Now it's over."

Reds jump on Astros early

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Willie Greene went 2-for-5 with a leadoff homer in the second inning Wednesday as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Houston Astros 6-3.

After Greene's homer, Ruben Sierra singled and moved to second on Bret Boone's walk. Eddie Taubensee knocked in Sierra with a single, and Boone scored to make it 3-0 on a Deion Sanders single.

Cincinnati added runs in the third and fifth inning when Astros

rookie Chris Holt (1-1) failed to retire leadoff hitters Barry Larkin and Greene. Holt allowed 11 hits and six runs through six innings.

Houston pulled within 5-2 in the fifth when Jeff Bagwell's single to left scored Craig Biggio.

Ricky Bones (1-0) pitched three innings in relief of Mike Morgan to pick up the victory.

Reds closer Jeff Brantley started the ninth, but left because of looseness in his right shoulder.

Men's tennis carries confidence into UCSB tourney

by Brent Dirks/UD

After an emotional win over Big 12 Conference rival Oklahoma Sunday, the Texas Tech men's tennis team hits the road to battle California-Santa Barbara at 4 p.m. today in the first round of the UCSB tournament on the UCSB campus.

The Red Raiders (5-8 overall) are going into the match against 30th-ranked UCSB and its tournament as positively as possible, Tech Director of Tennis Tim Siegel said.

The dramatic 4-3 win over the Sooners gave Tech its first Big 12 vic-

tory and broke a five-match winning streak.

"Breaking our losing streak was important and the way we did it was important," Siegel said. "Oklahoma was a good win. It was one of those matches that was important for our confidence and important for this time to realize when you work hard you can beat anybody."

Tech has had the upper hand two of the past three years against UCSB, but Siegel said it will be tough for his team to pull out the victory this year.

"We've got our work cut out for us," he said. "We've beaten them two of the past three years, but it's going to be tough."

"One thing for sure, I'm glad we're playing them now instead of last week."

Even after the big win against Oklahoma, Siegel said, it will not be hard to get the team ready for the next match.

"The players are definitely excited," Siegel said. "One match can sometimes make all the difference. We have lost to some tough teams so far. We're not happy being 5-8, but the one thing we're not worrying about is the past and we're looking



Carrie Spinar/UD

Agassi?: Texas Tech junior Steve Wood reaches for a backhand. The Red Raiders begin play in the California-Santa Barbara tournament today.

forward to the future."

Tech's play in the tournament will go far in improving its chances for a berth in the NCAA tournament beginning May 17, Siegel said.

"We still certainly have a shot at the NCAA tournament," Siegel said. "That's our goal. The way we get into the tournament is to get at least one more win against and top 50 team and finish out well in the Big 12."

If the Tech wins today, the Red Raiders then will battle Harvard in the

next round. If the Red Raiders lose, they will battle Pacific.

Junior Doug Lacy, who won the pivotal match against the Sooners, 7-5, 6-7, 7-5, said the victory will help Tech gain back its confidence.

"The past four or five matches it was almost like everybody couldn't play together," Lacy said after the victory. "We'd have one player play good and one have a bad day."

"Hopefully we can start the year over and get a good record going."

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